

MAJOR DATA SECURITY BREACHES IN 2005

January 2005

George Mason University · Virginia

- Number of people affected: **32,000** students, faculty and staff
- Information compromised: names, social security numbers, university identification numbers, and photographs
- Method: thieves hacked university computer system

**University campuses are a major target because the computer systems are designed so users can freely exchange information.*

February 2005

ChoicePoint · Nationwide

- Number of people affected: **145,000 nationwide, 107 Montana residents**
- Information compromised: names, addresses, social security numbers, credit reports, and other financial information
- Method: criminals posed as 50 legitimate businesses to access ChoicePoint databases

**Company knew of breach in October, but initially only notified California residents.*

LexisNexis · Nationwide

- Number of people affected: **310,000** since January 2003
- Information compromised: names, addresses, social security numbers, drivers license numbers, past addresses, birth dates, and voting information
- Method: thieves hacked log-ins and passwords of legitimate customers to access LexisNexis databases

**Hundreds of people discovered their information was used to buy merchandise.*

Bank of America · Nationwide

- Number of people affected: **1.2 million** accounts of federal employees
- Information compromised: names, addresses, social security numbers, and account information
- Method: lost/stolen company data tapes

**Loss happened in December, but was not reported until February*

March 2005

DSW Shoe Warehouse · 25 states

- Number affected: **1.4 million** customers between November 2004 and March 2005
- Information compromised: names with credit and checking account numbers
- Method: thieves accessed database

Boston College · Massachusetts

- Number of people affected: **120,000** alumni
- Information compromised: names, addresses, social security numbers
- Method: intruder hacked college computer

UC, Berkeley · California

- Number of people affected: **100,000** alumni, students, applicants
- Information compromised: personal information and social security Numbers
- Method: stolen university laptop

**Last year, a Berkeley research computer was stolen containing personal information of 1.4 million California residents*

California State University · California

- Number of people affected: **59,000** people affiliated with school
- Information compromised: personal information and some social security numbers
- Method: thieves hacked university computer servers

Economic Affairs Committee Meeting
June 24, 2005

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April 2005

Large banks · New Jersey

- Number affected: up to 500,000 New Jersey residents
- Information compromised: personal information and extensive financial information
- Method: bank employees sold account information for \$10 per account to someone who would resell to debt collectors for profit

Time Warner · Nationwide

- Number affected: 600,000 current and former employees
- Information compromised: personal information, social security numbers
- Method: lost by data storage company

San Jose Medical Group · California

- Number affected: 185,000 patients
- Information compromised: personal information, social security numbers, and billing codes to access medical histories
- Method: stolen computers

Polo Ralph Lauren Inc · Nationwide

- Number affected: 180,000 GM brand card holders (known, may be more)
- Information compromised: credit card information
- Method: thieves hacked company computers

Ameritrade · Nationwide

- Number affected: 200,000 clients
- Information compromised: personal information including account data
- Method: shipping vendor lost data tapes

May 2005

Citigroup · Nationwide

- Number affected: 3.9 million customers
- Information compromised: names, social security numbers, and account information
- Method: Shipping carrier lost data tapes while being transferred to storage

US Military · Nationwide

- Number of people affected: unknown
- Information compromised: names, soldier checkpoints and units, training for checkpoints, checkpoint procedures, general security in Iraq
- Method: sensitive information was posted without properly being decrypted or erased

MCI · Nationwide

- Number of people affected: 16,500 former employees of MCI
- Information compromised: names and social security numbers
- Method: stolen laptop

Stanford University · California

- Number of people affected: 10,000 students and alumni
- Information compromised: personal information, social security numbers and letters of recommendation
- Method: thief hacked computer network

June 2005

University of Cincinnati · Ohio

- Number of people affected: 7,000 university employees
- Information compromised: personal information including social security numbers
- Method: thief hacked computer system

MasterCard International · Nationwide

- Number of people affected: more than 40 million people (13.9 million MasterCard carriers, 22 million Visa carriers)
- Information compromised: names and credit card numbers
- Method: computer system hacked

* Much of the data is from California because the state has the only law requiring companies to notify people if their information has been compromised. Montana passed a similar law in the 2005 session, but more could be done to prevent identity theft and help people once they become victims.